

# Bledsoe County, TN



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**Bledsoe County** is located in eastern Tennessee on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau and strategically positioned near major metropolitan areas. Three major interstates I-40, I-75, and I-24 are less than an hour away. A north and south route to I-40 and I-24 is provided by U.S. 127, while State Hwy. 30 connects the county to I-75.

The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport, located within 60 miles of Bledsoe County offers non-stop service to nine locations throughout the U.S. Air cargo is also available. Airlines serving the Chattanooga airport include: Allegiant, American Airlines, American Eagle, Delta and United Airlines. Bledsoe County has a variety of properties available for manufacturing, warehousing, or service centers. The county is part of the 11-county Foreign Trade Zone 134.

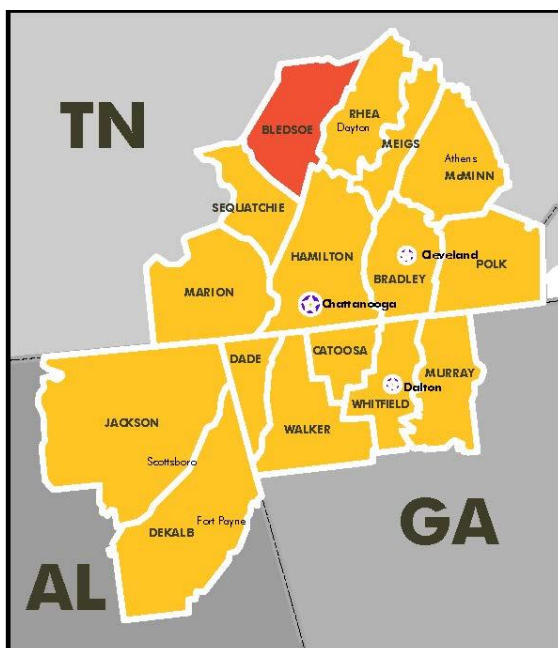
Bledsoe County High School opened a career and technical education center in 2015. Curriculum includes instruction related to automotive, carpentry and electric, and welding. A selection of community and technical colleges are all within a short drive.

Located in Pikeville, TN, Erlanger Bledsoe Hospital brings academic medical expertise to residents of the Cumberland Plateau and Sequatchie Valley, including the Dunlap and Crossville communities. In addition to 24/7 emergency services, the community hospital offers family primary care, the Sequatchie valley's only cardiac rehabilitation program, and a 25-bed inpatient unit. As part of the UT Erlanger Health System, a weekly clinic is also provided staffed by board-certified physicians in cardiology and women's services.

Fall Creek Falls, just a short drive west of the county seat of Pikeville, is Tennessee's largest and most visited state park. The county is also home to popular farms some of which have managed to expand their products' market well beyond Southeast Tennessee. Beef is an especially popular export.

Meanwhile, downtown Pikeville has many features of a traditional downtown including a mix of uses, walkable streets, public parks, historic buildings with fascinating histories, and unique local businesses. These assets are the foundation of the city's and county's economic development strategy.

Target Markets include Automotive, Healthcare and Retail.



## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	EMPLOYEES
TN Dept. of Correction	570
Bledsoe County School District	295
Bledsoe County Government	100
Hubbard ISA, LLC	72
Bledsoe County Nursing Home	50

Source: Companies

## POPULATION

Population 2019	14,642
Population 2024	14,888
Households 2019	4,905
Median Age	43.9
Median Household Income	\$39,935
Per Capita Income	\$19,110

Source: Gale Research

## ANNOUNCED PROJECTS (2016-2020)

Number of Projects	1
New Jobs	36
Capital Investment	\$35,300,000

Source: GCEP

## LABOR FORCE (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

Labor Force	4,264
Unemployment Rate	8.6%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25+	11,250
High School Graduate (only)	44.5%
Some College	17.0%
Associate's Degree	5.5%
Bachelor's Degree	5.5%
Graduate or Professional	4.3%
ACT-County	17.8
ACT-State	19.3

Source: Gale Research, Tennessee Department of Education

## EDUCATION

Public Schools	5
Public School Enrollment	1,494
Private Schools	3
Private School Enrollment	32
School Districts	1

Source: Tennessee Department of Education, Individual Schools and GCEP

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

New Employers (Maximum)	2.7%
Experience Rate Range	0.01% to 10.0%
Taxable Base	\$7,000

Source: ADP

## SALES TAX - GENERAL AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Taxable Retail Sales (2020)	\$59,739,489
Sales Tax Rate-State	7%
Sales Tax Rate-County	2.25%
Electricity* (State/Local)	None
Piped Natural Gas* (State/Local)	None
Mfg. Water (State/Local)	1.0%/ .33-.05%
Mfg. Fuels (State/Local)	1.5%/0%
Mfg. Equipment (State/Local)	None
Telecommunications (State/Local)	7%/2.25%

\*Residential

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

## PROPERTY TAX (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

Property Taxes-County Incorporated	\$2.3860
Property Taxes-County Unincorporated	\$2.3860
Property Taxes-County Seat	\$3.3860

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

## INVENTORY TAX

Finished Goods	None
Raw Materials	None
Goods in Process	None
Materials Consumed in Manufacturing	None

Source: Tennessee Department of Revenue

## EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (2020 ANNUAL AVERAGE)

	% OF TOTAL	WEEKLY WAGES
Natural Resources & Mining	9.7%	\$789
Construction	5.5%	\$641
Manufacturing	1.3%	\$558
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	7.5%	\$506
Financial Activities	3.0%	\$864
Professional & Business Services	1.8%	\$628
Education & Health Services	5.2%	\$573
Leisure & Hospitality	5.9%	\$366
Government	1.0%	\$978

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## ACCESSIBILITY

Largest City or Town	Pikeville
Population-2019	1,741
Miles to Chattanooga	57
Nearest Commercial Airport	Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport
Runway Length	7,400 and 5,575
Miles to Airport	60
Nearest Interstate	I-40; I-75
Miles to Nearest Interstate	28; 50
Foreign Trade Zone	Yes
Population within 50-mile radius	1,127,599

Source: GCEP, Gale Research

## UTILITIES

Name of Electricity Provider	Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC)
Is Natural Gas Available (Yes/No)	Yes
Name of Natural Gas Provider	Pikeville Natural Gas
Name of Water Provider	City of Pikeville
Excess System Capacity	Yes
Name of Wastewater Provider	City of Pikeville
Excess System Capacity	Yes

Source: GCEP

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